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SUBJECT: ALLIED DISCLAIMERS TO ITU AND UPU

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1. DEPARTMENT CAN ACCEPT THE REVISED TEXT FOR UPU AND ITU

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DISCLAIMERS CONTAINED IN PARA 3, REFTEL A. TO MEET THE BRITISH AND FRENCH REQUEST, WE WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO SUBMIT THESE DISCLAIMERS TO THE UPU AND ITU SECRETARIATS ON OR ABOUT APRIL 1.

2. SHOULD WE FOLLOW THIS TIMETABLE, WE WOULD INSIST, HOWEVER, THAT THE TRIPARTITE DISCLAIMER TEXTS BE IDENTICAL IN CONTENT. THIS WOULD MEAN THE BRITISH AND FRENCH WOULD HAVE TO FOREGO USING AN INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE (ALONG LINES CONTAINED IN REFTEL C), TO REFLECT THE FACT THAT THEY WERE VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE GDR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS. AS THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOTED PREVIOUSLY (REFTEL B), THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE DISCLAIMER ISSUE NEED BE LINKED WITH THE VOTING IS TO FIND SOME WAY OF DISCUSSING THE AGENDA ITEMS INFORMALLY BEFORE THE PARTICIPATION ISSUE IS RESOLVED, EXCEPT OF COURSE HAVING MEETINGS OF THE 19.

9. THE TURKISH REP SAID THAT IF THERE WERE NOT TO BE INFORMAL MEETINGS OF THE 19, HE WOULD PREFER THAT THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE AGENDA ITEMS BE CONDUCTED BY A SMALL GROUP OF WESTERN EMISSARIES RATHER THAN BY THE COMPLETE GROUP OF DIRECT PARTICIPANTS ONLY. HOWEVER, HE COULD ENVISAGE THAT THE WESTERN EMISSARIES COULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THE US AND SOME OTHERS.

10. THE FRG REP, TURNING TO THE STATEMENT BY THE ITALIAN REP, SAID THAT THERE WAS NO PROPOSAL ON THE TABLE THAT ALL 19 COUNTRIES MEET FOR AGENDA DISCUSSIONS NOR SHOULD THE AGENDA DISCUSSION BE UNDERTAKEN IMMEDIATELY.

1. THE NORWEGIAN REP SAID IT WAS PREMATURE TO TRY TO SETTLE THIS ISSUE AT THIS TIME. HE NOTED THAT THE POINT RAISED BY THE NETHERLANDS REP WAS AN IMPORTANT ONE. THE CLOSING OF THE INITIAL MBFR TALKS WOULD ALLOW NATO TIME TO CONDUCT ITS SUBSTANTIVE MBFR STUDIES. HE NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE DISTRACTING FOR NATO TO TRY TO KEEP TRACK OF THE TALKS IN VIENNA AT THE SAME TIME THAT IT WAS TRYING TO RESOLVE SUBSTANTIVE MBFR ISSUE.

12. THE TURKISH REP SAID THAT IT IS HIS IMPRESSION THAT IF THE WEST WERE TO INSIST ON THE HOLDING OF PLENARIES, THEN IT COULD NOT FINISH ITS WORK BEFORE THE SUMMER MONTHS. IF IT WERE TO FOCUS ON THE DRAFTING OF A COMMUNIQUE WHICH MADE MENTION OF PARTICIPATION AND THE AGENDA AND OTHER ITEMS, THEN IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CLOSE OFF THE INITIAL TALKS BEFORE EASTER. IN THE LATTER CASE, THE GROUNDWORK COULD BE LAID THROUGH INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH ONLY ONE PLENARY NEEDED TO FINALIZE THE ACCORDANCE REACHED. THE US REP SAID THAT AT LEAST A FEW PLENARIES COULD BE HELD IF ONLY FOR PUBLIC
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APPEARANCE SAKE. THE GREEK REP ADDED THAT IT HAS BEEN SO DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS, INCLUDING THE PARTICIPATION PROBLEM, THAT ONE OR TWO PLENARIES SHOULD BE HELD TO APPLY THE PROCEDURES AGREED UPON. THE HOLDING OF A PLENARY SESSION IN ACCORD WITH AGREED PROCEDURES SHOULD LEAVE NO DOUBT IN THE MINDS OF THE EAST THAT THE WEST WOULD INSIST THAT THE PROCEDURES AGREED BE APPLIED THROUGHOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS.

13. THE TURKISH REP THEN POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THERE WOULD BE NO OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE PLENARY MEETINGS, A COMMUNIQUE WOULD IN EFFECT BE THE BASIC RECORD OF THE AGREEMENTS REACHED. THE US REP AT THIS POINT RECALLED A QUESTION ASKED HIM BY AMBASSADOR GRANDE (CANADA). THE CANADIAN REP ASKED WHETHER THE PROCEDURES PAPER WOULD BE A PUBLIC DOCUMENT AND WHETHER IT WOULD BE INITIALED OR SIGNED. THE US REP SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN TWO DOCUMENTS AS OFFICIAL RECORDS. THESE WOULD BE THE PROCEDURES PAPER AND AN AGREED COMMUNIQUE. HE SAID THE AD HOC GROUP SHOULD BEGIN TO THINK OF HOW TO HANDLE THESE DOCUMENTS IN THE TECHNICAL SENSE. FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD THEY BE INITIALED OR SIGNED.

14. THE CHAIRMAN THEN ADJOURNED THE MEETING. HUMES

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